

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract at Page 54 of the specification as follows:

Methods of producing a ~~To provide a highly safe and hygienic method for~~
industrially and efficiently producing a perovskite-type composite oxide ~~at low~~
~~temperatures in heat treatment, in which the resulting perovskite-type composite oxide~~
are provided that can maintain the catalytic activity of a noble metal at a high level.
Methods include preparing a precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide by mixing
organometal salts of elementary components of the perovskite-type composite oxide and
heat treating the precursor. The precursor may be prepared by mixing over a long time,
~~in a method for producing a perovskite-type composite oxide, a perovskite-type~~
~~composite oxide is produced by mixing organometal salts of~~ all elementary components
constituting the perovskite-type composite oxide ~~to prepare a precursor of the perovskite-~~
~~type composite oxide, or by mixing one or more organometal salts of part of the~~
elementary components ~~constituting the perovskite-type composite oxide~~ with the other
elementary components prepared as alkoxides ~~of the respective elements~~, a coprecipitate
of salts, ~~of the respective elements~~ or a citrate complex of the respective elements ~~to~~
~~prepare a precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide, and heat treating the~~
~~precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide.~~